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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. In most other areas, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies of mediums were closely balance to instances available while offerings of the larger sizes were tight to close for current needs. Offerings of heavy nest runs were tight to adequate. Breaking stock offerings of light weight product ranged fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for normal to heavy schedules. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were closely balanced to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were short to adequate for the usually good demand. Breaking schedules for next week were normal to heavy. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. the market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to at times good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies of mediums were adequate to available, however, the large sizes were closely balanced.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 3 cents higher for large, up 2 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in other reported areas remained unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand usually light to mostly moderate. Food service movement was moderate to very good with resort and vacation areas providing the best interest at this call. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for the larger sizes and usually adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were higher as producers hold with confidence. Heavy nest run offerings were closely balanced to adequate for current processor schedules. Light weight breaking stock was currently available. Demand was moderate to fairly good and most breakers continue to be satisfied with regular commitments. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Schedules full-time Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large advanced 3 cents, mediums improved 2 cents. The market tone was steady to firm. Retail and food service demand generally moderate instances good and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies of larger sizes closely balanced and held with confidence, smaller sizes adequate to available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight with mediums in the most available position. Breaking stock demand was usually good for short to adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7-8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and confidently held.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-108	91-99	62-65
New York	71-75	69-73	44-48
Philadelphia	61-73	60-71	41-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52.5-60	50.5-54	32-35
Jackson (1)	60-62	55-57	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	63-75	59-69	39-50
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-65	59-63	34-38
Detroit (2)	49-54	48-53	32-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-55	50-53	30-34
Major Wisconsin Cities	52-59	51-57	32-37
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	71-73	68-70	48-50
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	74-85	72-75	52-55
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	95	85	65
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retail demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: major - large 18 pack 2 for \$4, \$1 off any eggs with tortilla purchase and coupon; smaller outlets - extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, 20 pack 99.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	65

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	76-99
EXTRA LARGE	74-85
LARGE	72-75
MEDIUM	52-55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher as producers hold with confidence. Heavy nest run offerings were closely balanced to adequate for current processor schedules. Light weight breaking stock was currently available. Demand was moderate to fairly good and most breakers continue to be satisfied with regular commitments. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to in-stances fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-39	39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-26	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were sharply higher when compared to early week trading. Interest improved and was usually good especially for heavy weight product. Offerings were in a full range of short to adequate from regular suppliers. Heavy weight commercial breaking stock was tight, although hatching and light weight eggs were fully adequate to ample for normal to heavy breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was cautious but still fully steady to occasionally firm. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20 July 2002 were 1% more than the previous week, but 1% lower than a year earlier.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-39	35-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-28.5	20-24

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -19-JuL-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,317,246	30,919	12,205	6,135	3,429	4,508
PW	1,316,402	30,004	12,488	6,761	3,343	4,520
LY	1,203,734	26,765	12,116	6,286	2,802	4,345
% CHG PW	0	3	-2	-9	3	0
% CHG LY	9	16	1	-2	22	4
2002	34,500,949	799,624	339,439	182,534	83,393	122,837
2001	32,775,959	745,950	331,029	178,955	71,201	117,504
% CHG YTD	5	7	3	2	17	5

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	40.82	40.85	41.13
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	37.40	37.41	37.52

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 79.5 to 81 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and yolk and steady for whites. Offerings were adequate to instances tight for yolk and generally adequate for the balance. Demand was fairly good to good for all products with breakers slowing down somewhat from previous heavy schedules. Whole egg trading centered mostly on contractual business and many operators were beginning to reduce separation. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 26 July, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	29-33	30.39	-.01
WHITES	25	10-16.5	11.70	.26
YOLKS	10	76-79	78.30	.02

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to slightly higher on whole and salt yolk, and irregular on sugar yolks when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment generally improved. Demand was a little more active but still only fair. Supplies were sufficient on most items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 20, 2002 were 3% more than the previous week, and unchanged from a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	44-50	46-47	54-58
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-89	84-88	91-95
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-84	81-84	87-92
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugar and salt yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was steady on whites and steady to fully steady on the balance of products. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings about adequate. Most sellers were anticipating better values for whole egg and yolk based on improved shell egg markets and increased raw costs. Breaking stock values were higher from last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-48	47
WHITES	21-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-89	84-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	80-85	81-83

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/20 was 7% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	53-56
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	91-94
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-90

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on blends, other items were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was mixed but generally improved. Offerings were sufficient for immediate trade needs. Overall, business increased slightly, but movement was usually active from previous commitments. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 20, 2002 were 3% more than the previous week and 22% higher than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 17% more than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT

AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.60-1.95	MOSTLY	1.65-1.76
YOLKS	1.90-2.20	MOSTLY	1.99-2.10
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.65-2.00	MOSTLY	1.70-1.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.27-1.36	MOSTLY	1.30-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 19, 2002-JULY 25, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
88.25								108.75								197.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	43.00	44.67		—	47.45			GNR W 1	—	56.00		—	—			GNR W 1	—	56.00		—	—		
GNR W 2	—	—		38.25	45.63			GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—			GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—			GL W J	—	—		—	—			GL W J	—	—		74.75	78.50		
GNR BR 1	—	47.00		—	—			GL W XL	—	46.00		—	—			GL W XL	—	46.00		53.00	59.41		
GL W XL	—	51.14		51.13	54.50			GL W LG	52.00	49.27		—	—			GL W LG	52.00	49.27		—	54.42		
GL W LG	—	55.30		48.63	52.07			GL W MD	23.40	27.00		—	—			GL W MD	23.40	27.00		—	29.11		
GL W MD	—	28.00		24.50	27.50			GL W SM	20.75	—		—	—			GL W SM	20.75	—		—	26.00		
GL W SM	—	—		23.67	25.67			NRBS - 48	—	36.00		—	—			NRBS - 48	—	36.00		—	—		
NRBS - 50	—	—		—	31.50			NRBS - 45	27.67	30.67		—	—			NRBS - 45	27.67	30.67		—	—		
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	36.00			NRBS - 39	23.50	—		—	—			NRBS - 39	23.50	—		—	27.50		
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—																		
NRBS - 39	—	25.00		19.78	21.67																		

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged.

Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report.

Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ample for current processor schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

Cents Per LB., Day Of Negotiation, Generally For Slaughter Within The Next 10 Days.

Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.42	67.54	44.33
SOUTHERN	61.98	57.48	38.85
MIDWEST	54.89	53.31	33.65
WESTERN	84.00	76.96	56.97
TWELVE METRO AREAS	70.60	66.70	45.92
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were irregular on light canners; unchanged on the heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Offerings range of about adequate to fully adequate.

Demand was fair to moderate but generally unaggressive for sufficient offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	28-36 MAJORITY 30-32
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-24	29-38 MAJORITY 32-33

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Jul-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—THOUSANDS—			
HEAD	1,589	1,576	3,165
LAST WEEK	1,498	1,418	2,916
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,661	1,534	3,195
TO-DATE/2002	51,299	38,964	90,263
TO-DATE/2001	51,583	39,427	91,010

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—THOUSANDS—			
HEAD	236	79	315
LAST WEEK	253	27	280
SAME WEEK YR AGO	278	24	302
TO-DATE/2002	9,105	148	9,253
TO-DATE/2001	13,818	220	14,038

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
—THOUSANDS—			
HEAD	1,825	1,655	3,480
LAST WEEK	1,751	1,445	3,196
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,939	1,558	3,497
TO-DATE/2002	60,404	39,112	99,516
TO-DATE/2001	65,401	39,647	105,048

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 13, 2002		Year-To-Date	
2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	249	182	9,704
Frozen	0	0	21
Dried	0	0	198
Total	249	182	9,923

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending July 13, 2002		Year-To-Date	
2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	73	125	2,981
Frozen	0	111	1,763
Dried	40	8	2,482
Total	113	244	7,226

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending July 13, 2002		Year-To-Date	
2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,155
Extra Large	1,890	1,620	16,949
Large	5,123	2,360	64,482
Medium	1,800	1,320	26,677
Ungraded	0	4,470	178,285
Misc	0	2,370	11,224
Total	8,813	12,140	298,772

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).
CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE MEDIUM SMALL

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO EXTRA LARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL
117-120 87-90 78-81 44-47 25-28

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO EXTRA LARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL
55-65 49-52 46-51 29-33 23-27

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 07/22/02	1,896	214,240	75,383
AM 07/01/02	1,744	208,058	76,269
CHG	152	6182	-886
PCT CHG	9%	3%	-1%

CHICKENS AND EGGS

June Egg Production Up 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.12 billion during June 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2002 averaged 335 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during June 2001. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,124 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,100 eggs in June 2001.

June 2002 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to June 2001 which contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 20-Jul-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	18.6	17.7	5	-32
BOSTON	3.8	3.4	12	-54
CHICAGO	37.6	38.5	-2	-18
DETROIT	25.6	30.5	-16	-6
KANSAS CITY	4.4	3.3	33	-44
LOS ANGELES	85.4	89.4	-4	-14
NEW ORLEANS	12.2	12.9	-5	31
NEW YORK	34.3	30.8	11	-2
ST. LOUIS	16.7	17.1	-2	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	22.6	0	0
TOTAL	261.2	266.2	-2	-13
4 WK MVG AVG	263.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 20-Jul-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY N. N.
ATLANTIC	224.1	-1	6
E.N. CENTRAL	547.1	1	7
W.N. CENTRAL	275.0	-1	0
S. ATLANTIC	176.6	2	4
S. CENTRAL	80.0	1	10
WEST	204.1	5	-3
TOTAL	1506.9	1	4

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JULY 23, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	114	105	76	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	107-111	99-103	69-73	51-55
MOSTLY	109-110	101-102	71-72	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	104-108	75-79	57-61
MOSTLY	113	104	75	57
VERMONT	115-117	105-108	79	-
MOSTLY	117	108	-	-

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